

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) for BAA 05-023

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13. With regard to 6.1.5 Capability Gap 5: "Understanding our Opponents," specifically the introduction:

"Navy and Marine Corps warfighters need deep understanding of opponents' intent, tactics, techniques, procedures, cultures, language, and technologies in order to be capable of rapid and effective decision-making in asymmetric, multi-cultural, warfare environments; as well as to conduct Information Operations (IO)."

Is the intent of this subsection to have the offerors product deliver these answers through independent research, analysis, etc.? Or is the intent that the offerors product will better deliver the Government's intelligence information it already has to the Officers, Sailors and Marines?

That is, is this Capability Gap an issue of finding a better way to get the information out to the sailors and troops? Or is it an issue of finding the information and answers for the Navy and Marine Corps?

13A. Either or both - the proposed effort that we will choose to fund could develop new technology, or make an advancement on existing efforts. This is a business decision on the part of the contractor based on the proposed technology.

14. Can an offeror submit more than one white paper/proposal in response to the BAA?

14A. Yes. There is no limit on the number of submissions. Keep in mind that the BAA is seeking integrated solutions.

15. The BAA states there should be on point of contact for a white paper. This is difficult for partnerships involving government activities and educational institutions. Would two POC's (one for a Government entity, and another for a non-Government entity) be acceptable?

15A. Yes.

16. How does this process work with proposing Naval/DoD/Government commands?

16A. ONR has a couple of options with this scenario. If the proposing government entity submits a proposal that is technically meritorious and will receive funding, ONR can send the money to that entity on a funding document. The proposing entity will, at that time, take responsibility for executing the contract awards process in order to accomplish the proposed effort. Secondly, the proposing Government entity could participate as a subcontractor under a commercial prime. Lastly, a possibility for an Inter-Intra Agency Agreement exists as long as the requirements are met in FAR 17.5.

